

The Manager Of the B. & A.

By VAUGHAN KESTER

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"Well, I am getting some work for them, and while there isn't much profit in it, perhaps, it's a great deal better than being idle."

"Just a whole lot," agreed McClintock.

"I think I can pick up contracts enough to keep us busy through the summer. I understand you've always had to shut down."

"Yes, or half time," disgustedly.

"I guess we can worry through without that; at any rate, I want to," observed Oakley.

"I'll go see how I can manage about our own repairs," said McClintock. He went out, and from the window Oakley saw him with a bunch of keys in his hand going in the direction of a line of battered day coaches on one of the sidings. The door opened again almost immediately to admit Griff Ryder. This was almost the last person to Antioch from whom Dan was expecting a call. The editor's cordiality as he greeted him made him instantly suspect that some favor was wanted. Most people who came to the office wanted favors. Usually it was either a pass or a concession on freight.

As a rule, Kerr met all such applicants. His manner fitted him for just such interviews, and he had no gift for popularity, which suffered in consequence.

Ryder pushed a chair over beside Oakley's and seated himself. By sliding well down on his spine he managed to reach the low sill of the window with his feet. He seemed to acquire the effect, for he studied them in silence for a moment.

"There's a little matter I want to speak to you about, Oakley. I've been intending to run in for the past week, but I have been so busy I couldn't."

Oakley nodded for him to go on.

"In the first place, I'd like to feel that you were for Kenyon. You can be of a great deal of use to us this election. It's going to be close, and Kenyon's a pretty decent sort of a chap to have come out of these parts. You ought to take an interest in seeing him re-elected."

Oakley surmised that this was the merest flattery intended to tickle his vanity. He answered promptly that he didn't feel the slightest interest in politics one way or the other.

"Well, but one good fellow ought to wish to see another good fellow get what he's after, and you can help us if you've a mind to. But this isn't what I've come for. It's about Hoadley."

"What about Hoadley?" quickly.

"He's got the idea that his days with the Huckleberry are about numbered."

"I haven't said so."

"I know you haven't."

"Then what is he kicking about? When he's to go he'll hear of it from me."

"But, just the same, it's in the air that there's to be a shakeup and that a number of men, and Hoadley among them, are going to be laid off. Now, he's another good fellow, and he's a friend of mine, and I told him I'd come in and fix it up with you."

"I don't think you can fix it up with me, Mr. Ryder. Just the same, I'd like to know how this got out."

"Then there is to be a shakeup?" Oakley bit his lips. "You seem to take it for granted there is to be."

"I guess there's something back of the rumor."

"I may as well tell you why Hoadley's got to go."

"Oh, he's to go then? I thought my information was correct."

"In the first place he's not needed, and in the second place he's a lazy loafer. The road must earn its keep. General Cornish is sick of putting his hand in his pocket every six months to keep it out of bankruptcy. You are enough of a business man to know he won't stand that sort of thing forever. Of course I am sorry for Hoadley if he needs the money, but some one's got to suffer, and he happens to be the one. I'll take on his work myself. I can do it, and that's a salary saved. I haven't any personal feeling in the matter. The fact that I don't like him, as it happens, has nothing to do with it. If he were my own brother he'd have to get out."

"I can't see that one man more or less is going to make such a difference, Oakley," Ryder urged, with what he intended should be an air of frank good fellowship.

"Can't you?" with chilly dignity. Oakley was slow to anger, but he had always fought stubbornly for what he felt was due him, and he wished the editor to understand that the management of the B. & A. was distinctly not his province.

Ryder's eyes were half closed, and only a narrow slit of color showed between the lids.

"I am very much afraid we won't hit it off. I begin to see we aren't going to get on. I want you to keep Hoadley as a personal favor to me. Just wait until I finish. If you are going in for reform I may have it in my power to be of some service to you. You will need some backing here, and even a country newspaper can manufacture public sentiment. Now if you aren't to be friends you will find me on the other side and working just as hard against you as I am willing to work for you if you let Hoadley stay."

Oakley jumped up.

"I don't allow anybody to talk like that to me. I am running this for Cornish. They are his interests, not mine, and you can start in and manufacture all the public sentiment you

please." Then he cooled down a bit and felt ashamed of himself for the outburst.

"I am not going to be unfair to any one if I can help it. But if the road's earnings don't meet the operating expenses the general will sell it to the M. and W. Do you understand what that means? It will knock Antioch higher than a kite, for the shops will be closed. I guess when all hands get that through their heads they will take it easier."

"That's just the point I made. Who is going to enlighten them if it isn't me? I don't suppose you will care to go around telling everybody what a fine fellow you are and how thankful they should be that you have stopped their wages. We can work double, Oakley. I want Hoadley kept because he's promised me his influence for Kenyon if I'd exert myself in his behalf. He's of importance up at the Junction. Of course we know he's a drunkard, but that's got nothing to do with it."



"In the second place he's a lazy loafer."

"I am sorry, but he's got to go," said Oakley doggedly. "A one horse railroad can't carry dead timber."

"Very well," And Ryder pulled in his legs and rose slowly from his chair. "If you can't and won't see it as I do it's your lookout."

Oakley laughed shortly.

"I guess I'll be able to meet the situation, Mr. Ryder."

He scouted the idea that Ryder with his little country newspaper could either help or harm him.

CHAPTER VII.

D R. EMORY and Dan were standing on the street corner before the hotel. Oakley had just come uptown from the office. He was full of awkward excuses and apologies, but Dr. Emory cut them short.

"I suppose I've a right to be angry at the way you've avoided us, but I'm not. On the contrary, I'm going to take you home to dinner with me."

If Dan had consulted his preferences in the matter, he would have begged off, but he felt he couldn't without giving offense, so he allowed the doctor to lead him away, but he didn't appear as pleased or as grateful as he should have been at this temporary release from the low diet of the American House.

Miss Emory was waiting for her father on the porch. An errand of hers had taken him downtown.

She seemed surprised to see Oakley, but was graciously disposed toward him. While he felt short of her standards, he was decidedly superior to the local youth with whom she had at first been inclined to class him. Truth to tell, the local youth fought rather shy of the doctor's beautiful daughter. Mr. Burt Smith, the gentlemanly druggist and acknowledged social leader, who was much sought after by the most exclusive circles in such centers of fashion as Buckhorn and Harrison, had been so chilled by her manner when, meeting her on the street, he had attempted to revive an acquaintance which dated back to their childhood that he was a mental wreck for days afterward and had hardly dared trust himself to fill even the simplest prescription.

Dr. Emory excused himself and went into the house. Dan made himself comfortable on the steps at Miss Emory's side. In the very nearness there was something luxurious and satisfying. He was silent, because he feared the antiquism of speech.

"I was with friends of yours this afternoon, Mr. Oakley," she said by way of starting the conversation.

"Friends of mine here?"

"Yes; the Joyces."

"I must go around and see them. They have been very kind to my father," said Dan, with hearty good will.

"How long is your father to remain in Antioch, Mr. Oakley?" inquired Constance.

(To Be Continued.)

BRIGHT WOMEN HELP CHURCHILL

Ethel Barrymore and Richard Harding Davis' Wife.

Ethel Barrymore Promises to Teach the Novelist How to Win Votes in Campaign.

DAVIS TO WRITE PAMPHLETS

To assist Winston Churchill, the popular novelist and acute thinker, in his campaign to win the Republican nomination for governor of New Hampshire, two famous and beautiful women have enthusiastically declared that they are going to do everything in their power, says a Boston letter.

Mrs. Richard Harding Davis, who was Miss Cecile Clark, the beautiful daughter of wealthy John M. Clark, of Chicago, and Miss Ethel Barrymore, the winsome actress, who has climbed to fame by her rare ability on the stage, are seriously in earnest in doing everything in their power to secure for Col. Churchill the coveted nomination.

Richard Harding Davis, the author and war correspondent, who with Melville E. Stone, Jr., called upon Col. Churchill, told him of the two invaluable and beautiful assistants he was to have in the great fight he is making.

And it was no idle promise at that. Mrs. Davis who won fame in letters, in addition to that of her great beauty, as a war correspondent during the Boer war, when she accompanied her husband to South Africa, is on the scene in person. With her husband, Mr. Stone and Mr. Churchill, she took part in a council of war, the first meeting of the Churchill board of strategy and ways, and means for the fight which is now warming up were discussed.

Campaign of Literature. Necessarily, a campaign of literature will result. With an author of renown leading the van, and supported as he is by literature, of note, this must needs be the result. New Hampshire will be flooded with political documents and circulars, written in style and rhetoric unknown to any campaign of the past.

And now for Miss Barrymore's part. Churchill is a good speaker, a clever stump orator, a sober young man, with severe face, who is in deadly earnest in his war on corporation domination of the political machine in his state. But in his speech-making he lacks that fire, that intensity, that dramatic force so necessary to hammer home his great truths.

It is the part of Miss Barrymore, the clever, brilliant actress, to instruct the great author in the art of acting his feelings, to show by his handsome face the emotions of his heart so that every one who hears him will be compelled to feel, to believe, with him whether or no?

Churchill is thoroughly in earnest. His whole great heart and soul are in the cause of the people in which he, as a frontiersman in politics, is blazing the way for future decades. It is the fight of the people by the people and for the people by a man who is a man.

FIRST DOLLAR CONTRIBUTED.

Mississippi Man Sends Contribution to Democratic Campaign.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—The first dollar received as a contribution to the Democratic campaign fund has been passed on a letterhead and hung up in the office of the committee. The dollar came from Judge J. H. Neville, of Gulfport, Miss. Under it appear these words: "He contributed the first dollar to the Democratic congressional committee's campaign fund. He has proved himself a good, loyal Democrat."

Chairman Griggs, of the Democratic congressional committee, does not propose that Chairman Sherman, of the Republican committee, shall have a copyright of the one dollar plan of securing campaign subscriptions. Whether it is or is not because he cannot get larger subscriptions makes little difference. The fact remains, however, that the Democratic committee is arranging to secure as many of these small donations as Democrats can be induced to make.

A circular letter is to be sent out to each of the 30,000 enthusiastic Democrats who will subscribe one dollar each to the first Bryan campaign. Every one of these is expected to respond promptly. Then a circular letter is to be sent to 3,500 Democratic newspapers throughout the country, calling upon them to open subscription lists among their subscribers and raise as much of the necessary funds as they can and transmit the same to Washington.

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Mr. Louis Pares, of Quebec, writes: "For years after my health began to fail, my head grew dizzy, eyes pained me, and my stomach was sore all the time, while everything I would eat would not seem to do me any good on my stomach. The doctors claimed that it was sympathetic trouble due to dyspepsia, and prescribed for me, and although I took their powders regularly yet I felt no better. My wife advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and stop taking the doctor's medicine. She bought me a bottle and we soon found that I began to improve, so I kept up the treatment. I took on flesh, my stomach became normal, the digestive organs worked perfectly and I soon began to feel like a different person. I can never cease to be grateful for what your medicine has done for me and I certainly give it highest praise." Don't be hoodwinked by a penny-grabbing dealer into taking inferior substitutes for Dr. Pierce's medicine, recommended to be "just as good."

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The repertoire for week of August 13-20 is:

Monday, Beggar Prince; Tuesday, Olivette; Wednesday, Grosse-Girofla; Thursday, Chimes of Normandy; Friday, Beggar Prince; Saturday, Olivette.

Will Return Money.

Theodore Stensland, vice president of the defunct Milwaukee Avenue bank of Chicago, has announced that he will today turn over to the receiver the entire estate of his father, Paul O. Stensland. Should this be done, it is believed depositors will receive almost dollar for dollar. Vice President Stensland appeared in court yesterday afternoon. By agreement the hearing of his case was continued until August 18.

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D. A. YEISER, Mayor.
Paducah, Ky., August 4, 1906.

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